

York, Representative ENGEL and Representative HINCHEY, in honoring America's first and most prestigious school of painting. Known as the Hudson River School of Painting, this 19th century school popularized the American landscape.

I, too, have a connection to the Hudson River School. One of the school's most popular and prolific artists, Thomas Moran, grew up in my district in Philadelphia. He later worked at a local engraving firm, which sparked his interest in painting. Moran soon garnered attention for his paintings and was hired to paint scenes of the wilderness of the American West. These paintings, for which Moran is best known, are primarily from the area that is today Yellowstone National Park.

Moran's massive landscapes, and works by other Hudson River School painters, inspired Congress to dedicate Yellowstone, as well Yosemite and Acadia National Parks. Eventually, these paintings were used by environmental conservationists to encourage Congress to form the National Park Service in 1916.

Another result of the School was the creation of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City in 1870. Many painters from the Hudson River School helped guide the Met's formation, meeting with the President, donating funds, and serving as a trustee or member of the executive committee. Fittingly, today, many works by the School's painters can be found there.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my distinguished colleagues to join me in my appreciation for the works of painter Thomas Moran, and for the lasting legacy of the first indigenous American school of painting, the Hudson River School.

A TRIBUTE TO IAN LIFSHUTZ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Ian R. Lifshutz for his extensive work representing physicians and other health care providers in New York.

Mr. Lifshutz is a graduate of St. Johns School of Law admitted to practice law in New York, New Jersey, Florida and Connecticut. He has experience in Health Care Law, representing physicians and other health care providers and institutions in all matters of health care transactions.

Mr. Lifshutz is responsible for assisting providers in matters relating to Fraud and Abuse and Medicaid/Medicare compliance plans and audits, the purchase and sale of health care practices, HIPAA and state based patient privacy, management, MSO, and billing companies, shareholder agreements, formation, dissolution and operation of corporations and other professional partnerships, asset protection as a means to limit physicians' exposure to malpractice claims and other civil liability, and leases and real estate transactions for healthcare facilities and medical practices. Among the many issues he handles, Mr. Lifshutz is most versed in Anti-Kickback and "STARK", state and federal prohibition against self-referral law as well as professional misconduct and "Fee Splitting" issues, and Medicare and Medicaid insurance policy.

Mr. Lifshutz has structured many health care facilities in New York, New Jersey and Florida, including proper pension structuring in order to maximize pension benefits. He has negotiated complex transactions for surgery centers and Article 28 facilities, and structured complex Asset Protection for physicians and others in the field of health care.

He has lectured at the Bronx County Medical Society and N.Y. Chiropractic College, as well as hospitals, regarding HIPAA compliance, asset protection, risk management and professional misconduct, fraud and abuse and regulatory issues surrounding health care professionals.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Ian Lifshutz for his contributions to the Brooklyn legal and healthcare communities.

JO-ANN YANNUZZI

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jo-Ann Yannuzzi for a career filled with professionalism and passion. Mrs. Yannuzzi has displayed a spectacular work ethic in both business and the community. Throughout her career, she has been known as a proprietor, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. For those reasons, and for her service to the community, she is being recognized as the Humanitarian of the Year by the Mountain City Lions Club in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

A Hazleton native, Mrs. Yannuzzi was one of the first four women inducted into the Hazleton Rotary Club in 1992. She also spent many years with the YWCA, serving as its president as well as on its Board of Directors. In 1999, she received the YWCA Pearl Award for Business and Industry. In 1994, Mrs. Yannuzzi received the Athena Award from the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding professional achievement as an area businesswoman.

Mrs. Yannuzzi knows what it takes to run a successful business. With her husband, she has owned and operated Job Johnny, and she was an associate in Yannuzzi Inc. and Amity Oil. From 1991 to 1995, she was the sole proprietor of Hazleton Floral Design, where her responsibilities included making financial transactions and decisions.

She served in various directorships in organizations such as the Committee to Help Handicapped Infants Parents Succeed (CHHIPS) and the FunFest Committee. But Mrs. Yannuzzi is likely best known for her work at the American Cancer Society. She joined the American Cancer Society in 1997, and four years later became the Community Income Development representative for Greater Hazleton. She has coordinated numerous events for the society in Mount Pocono, Wilkes-Barre, and Nanticoke. Since 1985, she has co-chaired Daffodil Days and other fundraisers for the national level of the society in an attempt to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Jo-Ann Yannuzzi for her many years of dedicated service. She has shown great purpose in her career and in her passions, and I hope she continues to make the world a better place.

HONORING SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION WITH THE 2011 BIOBLITZ

HON. RAUL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Saguaro National Park for their participation in the 2011 BioBlitz, sponsored by the National Geographic Society and the National Park Service. Starting in 2007 and leading up to the National Park Service's Centennial in 2016, only one national park from among the park service's 395 units is selected each year to host the nationally recognized event. This year, Saguaro National Park and the community of Tucson have been chosen for this honor. The 2011 Saguaro BioBlitz is the fifth of 10 events, with Tucson joining the communities of Washington DC, Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami as a host.

The 2011 BioBlitz, to be held this October, is an exciting 24-hour race to find, identify and count as many plants and animal species as possible inside Saguaro National Park. Teams of students and the general public will be partnered with scientists and experts in fields of biology, ecology and botany to scour the park and work together to do the counting. For two days surrounding the event, Saguaro National Park will simultaneously host a Biodiversity Festival, where the public can interact with scientists as they come in from the field to identify and catalog species. One thing is clear; the BioBlitz will introduce many to some of the most ecologically valuable lands in the Sonoran Desert: Unique topography, rare desert flora; scenic and recreation opportunities; and prime habitat for a host of desert creatures.

Saguaro National Park is a shining example of the Sonoran Desert's magnificent beauty and biodiversity. First established as a National Monument in 1933 for the purpose of protecting the giant Saguaro Cactus and then designated a National Park by President Bill Clinton in 1994, Saguaro National Park has been part of the Tucson community for over 75 years. Today, the National Park Service works to preserve desert, mountain and riparian habitats in the Tucson and Rincon Mountains. Saguaro National Park covers 91,327 acres and, of that acreage, 78 percent is designated wilderness. This land was not just preserved for its scenic views but also for its ecological wonders that must continue to be explored by the young and old, alike.

As the 2016 Centennial approaches, there is a consensus that this milestone must be viewed as an opportunity to recommit ourselves to protecting and preserving our National Park System. It is events such as this that will create new generations of stewards to safeguard our National Parks for the next 100 years. In direct alignment with the White House's America's Great Outdoors initiative and the National Park Service's Call to Action, the BioBlitz gets kids outside, connecting communities with our public lands.

Saguaro National Park, its staff, and the volunteers are vital players in the protection of America's public lands. As Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and having seen our